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Showdown is Friday night

Raiders roll to regional berth

The Raider varsity football team rolled into the post-season regional playoffs Friday with a 33-8 victory over William Campbell.

The win set the local team's regular season mark at 9-1 (8-1 in district) and gave them the Seminole District championship. As district champs, the Raiders will face Martinsville in the first game of the Region III playoffs this Friday night at Appomattox.

The Raiders drew first blood against William Campbell with Rodney Bryant scoring one of his three touchdowns on a 17-yard pass play from quarterback Kevin Ferguson in the first quarter.

Appomattox scored twice more in the second quarter, with Bryant taking a pass 35 yards into the end zone, and Gary Ferguson running four yards for the game's third touchdown.

The third quarter was scoreless, but in the fourth quarter, Kevin Ferguson went in from four yards out for the Raiders' fourth touchdown of the night.

William Campbell's Morris Pannell broke into the open and scampered 25 yards in the final period for the visiting team's only touchdown.

Bryant smashed through the William Campbell line in the closing moments of the game and motored 72 yards for the Raiders' -- and the game's -- final touchdown.

[illegible] was not without its [illegible] Appomattox, however. Running back Steve Hamlett suffered a[illegible]der injury and will probably [illegible]action again until next year. [illegible]nnis Fleshman, recuperating [illegible]m ankle sprain sustained in [illegible]ville game, strained the inj[illegible]ain Friday, casting a shadow [illegible]leshman's prospects for this [illegible]night's regional playoff game against Martinsville.

But in all, it was a good game for the Raiders, who are enjoying their first district title since 1978.

Appomattox compiled a total of 398 yards offense against William Campbell, including 238 in the air and 160 on the ground.

Rodney Bryant was the leading runner, with 127 yards on nine carries. Gary Ferguson carried seven times for 24 yards, and Dennis Fleshman carried four times for 23 yards.

Greg Mayberry caught five passes for 88 yards to lead in the aerial department. Bryant had four catches for 59 yards, Jody Williams caught three passes for 56 yards, and Alan Edmonds caught two tosses for 36 yards.

The Raiders can expect a very large Martinsville team Friday night in the first game of the regional playoffs at Appomattox's Bragg Stadium.

"They are extremely big," says Raider Coach Gary Cuccio about Martinsville. They have one lineman who weighs 272 pounds, and one who weighs 248 pounds. They also have several other very big boys."

Winners of the Piedmont district title, Martinsville compiled a 5-5 record this year; but four of the five losses were in games with group AAA teams. And Martinsville has considerable high school post-season experience. Last year, the team made it to the state finals before falling to Tabb.

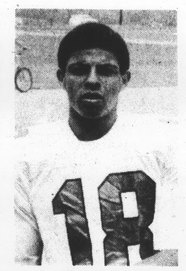
"They are basically a power football team," commented Cuccio. "They run from an "I" formation, and throw a lot of play-action passes."

This Friday night's regional playoff game between Appomattox and Martinsville gets underway at 8 p.m. at Bragg Stadium, behind Appomattox Middle School on Route 460.

RAIDER RUNNING BACK Gary Ferguson (at right) runs into William Campbell defensive lineman in Friday's 33-8 district-title-clinching victory. Ferguson scored one of the Raiders' five touchdowns. (Photo by Bill Sherrod)

Players of the Week

Tommy Robinson



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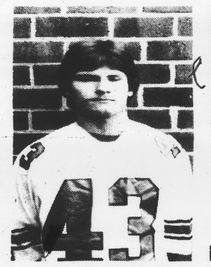

Rodney Bryant

Greg Mayberry

Amelia falls, 22-6

JV gridders take last game

The jayvee Raiders defeated Amelia last Wednesday, 22-6, to wrap up their season with a 5-4-1 record.

Appomattox fell behind early in the game, when Amelia scored on a 40-yard pass interception return. The Raiders responded with a touchdown as Russell Walton bulled over from six yards out to tie the score. Russell then put the Raiders ahead 8-6 when he ran for the two-point conversion.

In the second quarter, the Raiders scored again when tailback Ron Scruggs completed a halfback pass to Andre McCoy for a 37-yard scoring effort. Walton again added the two-point conversion to make the score 16-6, where it stood at halftime.

All members of the team saw action in the second half, after the first offense added another touchdown in the third quarter. The score came on a 30-yard scamper by Walton following a counter play. Solid play on the part of the Raider defense shut down the Amelia offense for the rest of the game.

"Coach Pettyjohn and I are very proud of this jayvee team," said Coach Howard Clabough after the game. "At one point in the season, when the team was 2-4-1, it looked like we would have a losing season. But the team showed what hard work, desire and determination can do."

In winning their last three games of the season, the Raiders outscored their opponents by a total of 60-18.

Against Amelia, Walton led the offense with a total of 16 points and 99 yards on 11 carries. Ronald Scruggs added 58 yards of seven carries and had a long touchdown run called back on a penalty. Scruggs also completed two passes (one for a touchdown) for a total of 58 yards.

The Raider defense was led by Toby Cunningham, Jeff Williams, James Baker,. Russell Walton and Andre McCoy.

Those named players of the week for their performance against Amelia were Toby Cunningham (six tackles at linebacker and a good job blocking at tight end). James Baker (six tackles at defensive end and a good job in general for the season), Jeff Williams (six tackles at defensive tackle, and a good job blocking at offensive center), and Russell Walton (two touchdowns and 99 yards offensively, two intercepted passes and 10 tackles defensively).

Clabough added that Walton had been named the jayvee Raider player of the year for his performance this season. He was player of the week either on offense or defense in all 10 games, and led the defense in tackles in all 10 games this year. "This is the first time a player has ever accomplished this on defense," noted Clabough.

"Russell is one of the most complete football players and individuals Coach Pettyjohn and I have ever coached," Clabough concluded.

JAYVEE PLAYERS OF THE WEEK (from left): Toby Cunningham, Jeff Williams, James Baker, and Russell Walton. Walton was also named Jayvee Raider Player of the Year.

Raiderettes end season, [illegible] commends team

The Raiderette varsity basketball team wound up their season last week in the Seminole District Tournament. The local girls defeated Buckingham Wednesday [illegible] of play, 42-31, then [illegible]8-49, in the second [illegible]sday.

Liberty went on to win the tournament, defeating Altavista 61-27 in the finals on Saturday.

The Raiderettes had an "excellent offensive and defensive effort" against Buckingham Wednesday, according to Coach Mary Tolley.

"Buckingham had beaten us both times during the season by three points," Tolley said. "The girls knew they could do it. They just had to outplay the bigger team."

Ruby Smith led the Raiderettes with 29 points, nine rebounds, three steals and one assist. Robin Paulette had five poings, four assists and two rebounds; Kaye Brown had four points, 11 rebounds, and two assists; Sandra Watkins had two points, seven rebounds and four steals; Cheryl Williams had two rebounds and two assists; and Sally Coleman had two points and six rebounds and did a good job off the bench for the Raiderettes against Buckingham.

Johnice Brown was the leading scorer for Buckingham's Lady Knights, scoring 16 points during the game. Alice Apperson and Evonne Allen followed with six and four points, respectively, and Veronica Carter and Margaret Bartee, with three and two points, rounded out the Lady Knights' scoring.

Against the powerful Liberty team, the Raiderettes "played about as well as we could," according to Tolley.

The Raiderettes held a 12-9 lead at the end of the first quarter, but Liberty came back in the second quarter, and led 30-22 at the half.

Liberty led 48-32 at the end of the third quarter, and finished the game with a 58-49 win.

"We played good defense and were able to break their press pretty consistently," commented Tolley, "The girls have worked hard and their improvement has shown," the coach added.

Ruby Smith had another good night, scoring 23 points despite the fact that she had to sit out five minutes because of foul trouble. Ruby also had 10 rebounds, six steals and two assists against Liberty. Sandra Watkins had 15 points, eight rebounds, three steals, and one assists; Kaye Brown had four points, five rebounds and two steals; Cheryl Williams had two points, two rebounds and one assist; Robin Paulette had one point, two rebounds and three assists; Salley Coleman had two points and six rebounds; Lisa Pannell had two points, two rebounds and one assist; and Delores Smith had two rebounds for the Raiderettes against Liberty.

The Raiderettes finished the season at .500, winning 10 games and losing 10.

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Rodney Bryant, Tommy Robinson, Greg Mayberry and Kevin Ferguson have been named varsity Raider players of the week for their performance against William Campbell last Friday night.

Bryant ran nine times for 127 yards, caught four passes for 59 yards, scored three touchdowns offensively, and had two interceptions defensively.

Mayberry caught five passes for 88 yards of offense, and had four solo tackles and four assists defensively.

Robinson did an outstanding job blocking on the line against William Campbell, opening holes on key running plays and handling his man well all night.

Ferguson completed 15 of 22 passes for 238 yards, and two touchdowns. Ferguson also scored a touchdown himself on a four-yard plunge.

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